## **Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants**

Support to metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts to consider challenges of economics, energy use, public health, and the environment.

Nature of Program: The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, closely coordinated with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), supports metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental impact.

Sustainable Communities and Regional Planning Grants place a priority on investing in partnerships, including nontraditional partnerships (e.g., arts and culture, recreation, public health, food systems, regional planning agencies and public education entities) that generate strategies that direct long-term development and reinvestment, demonstrate a commitment to addressing issues of regional significance, use data to set and monitor progress toward performance goals, and engage stakeholders and residents in meaningful decision-making roles.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Multijurisdictional and multi-sector partnership consisting of a consortium of government entities and nonprofit partners.

**Legal Authority:** FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division A, Title II; FY 2011 Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-10).

**Administering Office:** Director for the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

**Information Source:** Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. On the Web:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\_offices/sustainable\_housing\_communities/sustainable\_communities\_regional\_planning\_grants

**Current Status:** Active, though no new money has been appropriated since FY2010.